

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, July 10, 2017 - 6:00 PM Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr. Councilman Billy G. Richardson Councilman Benton Blakely Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson Councilman AC English County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Press in attendance: Jim Hilley – The Item, Jesse Surette – The Manning Times

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony Joe Witt Dennis Kropf Tammy Rodvansky

Linda Lemon And other Clarendon County Residents

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for July 10, 2017.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on June 12, 2017 with one adjustment.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on June 29, 2017 with corrections.

III. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, Director of Human Resources, presented five employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:

Tiffany Wells 5 Years
Judge Robin Locklear 5 Years
Helen Gamble 10 Years
Robert Pegram 15 Years
Willie Mae Manning 25 Years

Chairman Stewart and Administrator Epperson thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

IV. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Ms. Shanna Morgan to the Harvin Clarendon County Library Board to serve a 4-year term.

V. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC was now in session. The CCTC began at 6:07 pm

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request from Mr. Timothy Hilliard, Public Service Director, requesting to purchase road material, to repair roads, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request presented by Administrator Epperson to purchase road material in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC would now close. The CCTC closed at 6:09 pm.

VI. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2017-04

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing is now open for Ordinance #2017-04 - An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon, South Carolina to Amend Clarendon County Ordinance #2011-05 A/K/A the County's Unified Development Code.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:10 pm

Administrator Epperson stated that this Ordinance would allow backyard chickens in certain zones under certain conditions.

- Ms. Maria Rose, Planning Director, stated that this Ordinance would allow backyard chicken in residential
 areas with restrictions, which would include no roosters, only 16 chickens that are closed in, and at least 50
 feet from neighboring properties. She continued by stating that the backyard chicken could not be raised for
 commercial use and the eggs cannot be sold. Ms. Rose continued by stating that the backyard chickens
 cannot be killed in the view of others.
- Councilman Blakely asked what about campers?
- Ms. Rose responded by stating that the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) regulates campground and campers are not built to codes for residential for either DHEC or for Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Administrator Epperson stated that if this Ordinance is approved by Council, anyone that is not in compliance would have thirty (30) days to get into compliance.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any comments on Ordinance 2017-04. Hearing none, he stated that the Public Hearing would now close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:21 pm.

VII. Ordinance 2017-04

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-04 – An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon, South Carolina to Amend Clarendon County Ordinance #2011-05 A/K/A the County's Unified Development Code.

VIII. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,843,090 and Revenue figures were not available as of June 30, 2017.
- Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$758,817 and Operating Expenses of \$481,097 as of June 30, 2017. He stated that after depreciation, Bond interest expense, transfers, interest income, SC RIA Grant Revenue, and USDA Phase 1B, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility income of \$127,769.
- Weldon Auditorium total Revenue for the month ending June 30, 2017 was \$42,510, and total Expenses of \$242,862. He stated that after transfers from the General Fund, Hospitality Tax and Accommodations Fund in the amount of \$170,000, the Weldon Auditorium ended the twelve months ending June 30, 2017 with a deficit of \$30,352.
- The C-Fund Program for the month of June 2017 had a Cash Balance of \$1,264,890 of which \$752,297 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$512,593 as of the end of June 2017.

IX. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- <u>Turbeville Recreation</u> the merger is going very well and we are getting ready to provide programs to the public.
- <u>FTC</u> Tax Collection the settlement with the Department of Revenue calls for a repayment to FTC Inc. and we are filing an appeal
- **DSS Facility** –Coming alone well

X. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that Mr. Michael Mikota has resigned from Council of Government and he will assume the position of President at Central Carolina Technical College.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilmen Richardson and Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy M. Levy

Clerk to Clarendon County Council